

## ***Vacancy Details***

<b>Personnel Notice:</b>	31-15
<b>Date Announced:</b>	03/25/2015
<b>Closing Date:</b>	4/15/2015
<b>Command:</b>	Naval Supply Systems Command
<b>Grade:</b>	GS-13/14
<b>Type:</b>	Assistant Counsel

There is an anticipated vacancy for an attorney to serve as an Assistant Counsel supporting the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Sigonella at the Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. The NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Office of Counsel consists of three attorneys. The Counsel is located in Sigonella. The other attorneys are based in Naples, Italy, and Rota, Spain. While a significant portion of the practice involves federal acquisition law, the incumbent will also advise on a wide range of legal issues in other OGC practice areas, including: fiscal law, civilian personnel law, environmental law, foreign and international law, bankruptcy law, data rights, licensing agreements, inter- and intra-service support agreements, FOIA, Privacy Act, ethics and standards of conduct, fraud programs, transportation law, resolution of audits, release of technical information, GAO protests, litigation at ASBCA courts, contract interpretation, foreign national access to sites and information, and litigation. Many of these issues arise within the context of U.S. rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Status of Forces Agreement and other international and bi-lateral agreements. The NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Office of Counsel is a field office of the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Office of Counsel.

Office of Counsel, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella provides legal services to the Commanding Officer, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella. NAVSUP FLC Sigonella is comprised of FLC Headquarters based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Italy and its operating sites in Rota and Madrid, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Naples, Gaeta, and Rome, Italy; Souda Bay and Athens, Greece; and Blenheim Crescent, United Kingdom. NAVSUP FLC Sigonella delivers combat capability through forward logistics to war fighters and their families by teaming with national, regional, and local government agencies and commercial logistics partners to provide supply chain, contracting, hazardous materials management, household goods, fuels, postal, transportation, supply consultation, and related logistics management, operations, and services. NAVSUP FLC Sigonella provides these logistics products and services supporting the operational and tactical logistics missions of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. SIXTH FLEET (NAVEUR/C6F); Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa/U.S. SIXTH FLEET (NAVAF/C6F); Commander, Naval Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (CNREURAFSWA), and Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (NAVFACEURAFSWA) under the Maintenance Support Initiative (MSI) agreement.

This position will be filled under the General Schedule (GS) at either the GS-13 or GS-14 level. To be eligible for selection at the GS-13 level, the applicant must have in excess of two years of professional relevant legal experience. To be eligible for selection at the GS-14 level, the applicant must have at least three-and-one-half years of professional relevant legal experience including experience in one or more of the other OGC practice areas mentioned above. Also, the candidate must possess strong analytical skills, outstanding oral and written communication skills, outstanding interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated ability to work independently and develop strong attorney-client relationships.

The successful applicant must have graduated from a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, U.S. Commonwealth, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia, and be admitted to practice before a state or federal court. U.S. citizenship is a requirement of the position, and the successful applicant must be able to obtain and maintain a Secret clearance.

Applicants will be evaluated on: 1) the quality of their relevant experience in federal acquisition law; 2) the quality of their relevant experience in the other OGC practice areas identified above; 3) the strength of their oral and written communication skills; 4) their research and analytical skills; 5) their ability to work both independently and as part of a team; and 6) interpersonal skills, including their ability to establish effective attorney-client relationships.

The tour of duty for this position is three years. In accordance with the OGC Overseas Assignment Policy, there is a possibility of extending for two additional years if the attorney desires, and both OGC and the client concur.

This position includes a significant tax-free annual allowance for housing and utility costs as well as a tax-free post allowance. For more information about these allowances, visit the Department of State Office of Allowances website at: <http://aoprals.state.gov>. Dependents are entitled to attend the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. The successful applicant and dependents will also have access to overseas military exchanges, commissaries, as well as morale, welfare and recreation facilities. Medical care and dental care are available. In addition to annual and sick leave, the incumbent will also accrue home leave and be allowed two free flights per year on military aircraft under the Environmental and Morale Leave program.

To apply for this position, applicants must submit a cover letter explaining their interest in the position, along with a resume, SF-171, or OF-612, two legal writing samples (not exceeding 10 pages each) that demonstrate analytical and advocacy abilities, two most recent performance appraisals (if available), and the names and telephone numbers of at least three references (other than current supervisors) who may be contacted. Applications must include current federal grade (if applicable), salary requirements, and projected availability. Current federal employees must also provide a copy of their most recent SF-50 form.

This personnel notice will close at 11:59PM, EST on April 15, 2015, and applications must be received by that date to be considered. Electronic submissions are highly encouraged and should be sent to [norma.crowther@navy.mil](mailto:norma.crowther@navy.mil).

If electronic submission is not possible, the requested information should be sent to:

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5450 Carlisle Pike  
P.O. Box 2050  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0791

For additional information, interested attorneys should contact Ms. Eva Escalante at [eva.escalante@eu.navy.mil](mailto:eva.escalante@eu.navy.mil) or at 011-39-095-86-5013; or Mr. Michael Rossiter at [michael.rossiter@navy.mil](mailto:michael.rossiter@navy.mil), or at 717-605-1850.

Additional compensation includes a tax-free housing allowance and a tax-free post allowance in lieu of locality pay. The housing allowance (Living Quarters Allowance or LQA) is subject to periodic readjustment. For the latest update of the LQA in Sigonella, Italy, visit the Department of State website at [http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/lqa\\_all.asp?MenuHide=1](http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/lqa_all.asp?MenuHide=1). The post allowance depends on the salary and the number of family members and is subject to frequent changes. For further information and a post allowance calculator, visit the Department of State website at: [http://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content\\_id=166&menu\\_id=81#14](http://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=166&menu_id=81#14). Additional information about living and working in Naples may be found on the internet at: [http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreurafswa/installations/nsa\\_naples.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreurafswa/installations/nsa_naples.html).

Applicants eligible for Veterans' Preference must specifically claim such eligibility in their cover letter, identify the basis for the claim, and include supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty or other supporting documentation) with their submission. Not all veterans are preference eligible. For additional information regarding Veterans' Preference, please visit: <http://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref/index.aspx>. There is no formal rating system for applying Veterans' Preference for attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel considers veterans' preference eligibility a positive factor in the attorney hiring process. Applicants who do not claim and do not provide adequate supporting documentation for Veterans' Preference will not receive this positive factor consideration.

If the successful applicant is not a current member of the Navy Office of General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of [www.ogc.navy.mil](http://www.ogc.navy.mil)).

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Reasonable Accommodation Policy Statement:  
[https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Reasonable\\_Accommodation\\_Policy\\_Statement](https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Reasonable_Accommodation_Policy_Statement)

Legal and Regulatory Guidance:  
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PCS expenses will be paid, consistent with applicable regulations.

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